

# UNARMED AMERICAN TROOPERS ARE SHOT

Unconfirmed Reports of Parral Incident Say Mexican Citizens Sniped Yankee Soldiers From Windows With Fatal Effect

## SURVIVING CAVALRYMEN ARE DRIVEN FROM CITY

Pershing Continues Southward In Chase After Villa and When Last Heard From Main Body of Expedition Was Near Satevo

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Just what has happened at Parral when the Mexicans clashed with a detachment of American troops on Thursday, is not yet clear, the various reports received through unofficial channels being contradictory and vague, while General Funston reports that he has as yet received no direct information from General Pershing.

One report, emanating from Marior Letcher, the American consul at Chihuahua, and forwarded by way of San Antonio, states that the attack by the Mexicans was made first upon an unarmed body of American soldiers who had entered the town, presumably to purchase supplies. These men, leaving their arms in camp, believed that they were carrying out the spirit of the agreement that no armed troops should enter or occupy any Mexican town, and entered the business section of Parral without thought of danger to themselves. In the party were about forty troopers in all.

Shots fired from buildings when the Americans appeared, the Mexican residents grew ugly and angry threats soon turned to action. From the buildings lining the street shots were fired, to which the Americans could not reply. Unable to defend themselves, the troopers tried to flee, leaving two of their number dead in the street.

The exultant Mexicans, including soldiers of the Carranza garrison and civilians, pursued the fleeing troopers almost to the edge of their camp, but here they were speedily brought to a stop. As soon as the alarm was given and the troopers in camp saw that their comrades had been attacked, the Mexicans were turned out and the Mexican fire was returned with machine guns. The Mexicans in their turn fled. Forty were killed and many wounded.

This report, although the most circumstantial which has come from an official source, is not official, and the officers of General Funston's headquarters are inclined to discredit it. General Funston himself reports to the war department that he has as yet been unable to secure any direct report from General Pershing in restoring order after the exchange of shots.

## Army Officers Mystified

El Paso despatches state that the conflicting reports regarding the Parral clash have mystified the army of officers there, who are at a loss to know what has actually taken place and what lessons are to be drawn from the incident. The reports through the Carranza officials at Juarez lead to the belief that the Carranzistas assisted in restoring order after the exchange of shots.

General Gavira, commanding the Juarez garrison, reports that there are no indications that the news of the clash at Parral has inflamed the mood of his command against the Americans.

Early reports by way of El Paso yesterday gave the number of Mexican soldiers and civilians killed at Parral at more than one hundred, which added to the disquietude felt concerning the fate of some of the detached troops serving with the Pershing expedition. The army officers were busy reinforcing the guards along the line of communication and preparing for possible attack. The Carranza force under General Gomez which is proceeding south along a route that almost parallels the American line, was being closely watched in order that any hostile move might be guarded against.

## Villistas Attack Supply Train

One attack was made on Tuesday night against the American line, according to a report from General Pershing, delivered from his headquarters by aeroplane at Chihuahua and forwarded from there. This attack was made by forty mounted Villistas against an automobile supply train, but was beaten back, one Mexican being killed. The attack took place at a point several miles in the rear of General Pershing's main force.

The administration has made no definite move as yet regarding the Carranza demand that General Pershing and his men be withdrawn. Secretary Lansing announced yesterday that he was preparing to treat with the Carranza government of Mexico along the lines of the note delivered by the Mexican ambassador. The secretary of state announced, however, that there is no immediate prospect of the withdrawal of the expedition. The Mexican

# Shanghai Secedes: Yuan Faints

## Wife Seeks British Protection

Shih-kai Plans Escape To Japan While Southern Provinces Form Confederation

(Special Cable to Hawaii Hochi.) TOKIO, April 15.—Official circles here are convinced of the utter collapse of the dreams of Yuan Shih-kai, following receipt of news from Peking of the president's breakdown on hearing of the secession of Shanghai yesterday.

According to reports official and unofficial, which have reached Tokyo, an announcement of the action of the authorities in Shanghai reached the president of the republic while he was in conference with his ministers. He is said to have fallen in a faint, and to have remained unconscious for a long time. His wife is said to have learned of the condition of her husband and to have fled to the British embassy, where she appealed for protection for Yuan and herself. She is declared to have hidden herself in the embassy.

After coming out of his swoon, say the despatches, Yuan Shih-kai began at once to make his plans for flight. He called in his legal advisor, Dr. N. Ariga, formerly professor of the Imperial University at Tokyo, and begged him to make arrangements for escape to Japan, where he expects to be treated as a political refugee.

## SOUTHERN REPUBLIC FORMED

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Shingo.) TOKIO, April 15.—The southern provinces of China will organize a confederacy, under a republic form of government within a few days. All of them have declared their independence of Yuan Shih-kai, and the preliminary arrangements and preparations for the establishment of the confederation have been completed. Tse Chun Huan, one of the leading diplomats of China, who has made a name for himself in international affairs, and commander-in-chief of the rebel army in the South, has been elected president and Row Tsai, formerly revolutionary governor of Kwangtung province, has been chosen vice-president. It is expected that the new confederation will select Canton as its capital. Dr. Koko Imai, of the Imperial University at Tokyo, has been asked to become legal adviser to the new government.

## FIGHTING OCCURS AT CANTON

HONGKONG, April 14.—Fighting took place between government troops and revolutionaries last night at Canton. The soldiers opposed the landing of the rebels from war vessels, and thirty casualties resulted from the fighting.

## SAILING OF SHIPS CANCELED

PEKING, April 14.—Fearing capture of their vessels, Chinese merchants have cancelled the sailings from Tientsin. An offer of the government to compensate them in the event their ships are lost has been refused.

## TROOPS SENT INTO INTERIOR

AMOY, April 14.—Four gunboats and two transports arrived here today. Troops are being despatched into the interior.

## NITRATE FACTORIES TO BE ESTABLISHED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, April 15.—The senate yesterday afternoon voted to adopt an amendment to the Chamberlain Army Increase Bill, providing for the construction of hydro-electric plants for the manufacture of nitrates, which are to be used in the production of munitions of war. The plants are to cost \$15,000,000. The tally of the voting showed forty-three of the senators in favor of the proposal and twenty-two against.

The amendment to the measure was introduced during the debate on the bill, by Senator Smith of South Carolina. It provides for the sale of \$15,000,000 worth of Panama canal bonds, the proceeds of which are to be utilized for the construction of the proposed plants. Under the terms of the amendment the President is to be authorized to name not more than five water-power plants, which may be made available for the manufacture of nitrates, by the extraction of nitrogen from the atmosphere, in a manner similar to that now in use in Germany and Sweden.

The products of the plants which are not needed for the manufacture of munitions, may be sold by the secretary of war to makers of fertilizer and other products requiring nitrates.

## BRITAIN LOSES MANY OFFICERS IN BATTLES

LONDON, April 15.—The war office last night issued the official list of British officers killed and wounded during the fighting in February. The slain totaled 261, and the wounded 597. There were 575 missing. This brings the total of killed, wounded and missing commissioned officers since the outbreak of the war in all theaters, to 23,962. Of these 7420 officers were killed.

## SUGAR REPEAL BILL IS SENT TO CONFERENCE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, April 15.—The Senate sugar bill, amended so as to end the tariff period May 1, 1920, was sent yesterday to the conference committee. The house named as its conferees, Chairman Hitchcock of the ways and means committee and Congressman Tammey, Democrats, and J. W. Fodney of Michigan, Republican.

A question was discussed by the cabinet yesterday following the meeting Secretary Baker announcing that there is to be change in the situation.

In congress the situation was brought to the front by the introduction of a resolution by Representative McLennore of the effect that the "forces of the United States will not, for any reason, be withdrawn from Mexico until Villa is killed, captured or driven into exile." The resolution was referred to the committee on foreign relations.

## Ban On Munitions Proposed

There is an undertone of sentiment in congress, chiefly among the Republicans, for the enforcement of a complete embargo on munitions from the United States to Mexico, as it is believed these might be used at any time against the American soldiers.

Senator Stone, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, said today that "the problem is how long it is wise to keep our forces in Mexico. I have never believed we would capture Villa."

Anxiety is felt in this war department as to the whereabouts of Maj. Frank Tompkins of the Thirtieth Cavalry, who with a unit of force is operating in a district to mix with anti-American guerrillas and hostile citizens

# RUSSIANS HURL NEW COLUMNS AT TURKS

## Grand Duke Beats Back Assaults

South of Erzerum and Drives Ottoman Armies in Retreat Before His Cossack Cavalry

## CZAR GATHERING HIS VAST FORCES FOR FRESH ATTACK

Repulses German Thrusts In Lake Region and Captures Teutonic Position On Stripa River Front; Lake Thrashes Goemren

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## ITALIANS REPORT GAINS

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## Artillery Is Active

On the western front, where for weeks the eyes of the world have been turned, little for the observer yesterday. Paris says that the Teutonic artillery was active west of the Meuse, where Hill 304 was bombarded by batteries of the Teutonic cannon, and that east of the river there was a attempt to resume the offensive, but with nothing like the vigor of former assaults. Berlin contented itself with reporting "lively artillery fighting" along the Meuse.

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## FEDERAL ATTORNEY SCORED

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## BRITISH ADVANCE ON TIGRIS TOLD

The progress of the British advance on the Tigris, under the direction of Lieut. Gen. Sir Percy Lake, are pointed out by the representative of the British press at the expeditionary force in Mesopotamia.

Describing the journey up the Tigris, he says: "We arrived at Basra (sixty-seven miles from the sea) on December 14, and the same night we launched upon two paddle steamers. These vessels were taken up upstream to Allal Gherbi, the point where we concentrated for the advance. Kurah, where we anchored in the morning, is the regular site of the Garden of Eden. Here the old channel of the Euphrates joins the Tigris. Date groves stretch for some four miles upstream. One is seldom out of sight of donkeys, and cattle, and flocks of sheep. The dwellers in the reed and mud huts run along side the boat clamoring for backsheesh."

## FIFTY THOUSAND MINERS GET INCREASE OF WAGES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) PHILADELPHIA, April 15.—Fifty thousand miners are to get a wage increase amounting to more than three and one-half million dollars yearly, as the result of the action taken yesterday by the bituminous operators in central Pennsylvania. The United Mine Workers committee has signed the agreement.

# Mexico Limits Punitive Force

## Parral Affair Given As Reason

Strength of Expedition Cannot Exceed 1000 Men and Infantry and Artillery Barred

## Reason For New Policy

Such is the attitude of the de facto government of Mexico, as stated last night to The Associated Press by Juan Amador, the sub-secretary of the ministry of foreign relations, who made his announcement as the spokesman of the Carranza administration. Acting President Carranza, from whom a statement was sought, refused to make any personal announcement.

Amador, elaborating on his statement, referred to the clash on Thursday between the Mexican residents at Parral and the American soldiers.

## Parral Is Last Straw

"The affair at Parral may be regarded as the last straw," he said, "and I believe that what has happened there will be appreciated in its full significance by the people of the United States and will be the signal for the American government to immediately withdraw its troops from Mexican territory."

Carranza and his staff arrived here yesterday. There arrival was unheeded and few were aware that they were coming.

Triumphal arches which were built months ago to be placed over the streets when Carranza entered, were not used yesterday. Later General Carranza addressed the people from the balcony of the palace, and the populace celebrated his arrival.

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# WILSON PLANS TO GIVE OPPORTUNITY TO AVOID RUPTURE

## No Ultimatum To Be Contained In Note On Attacks On Steamers

Congressmen Advised Diplomatic Break Sure

## Cabinet Officers Refuse Either To Confirm Or Deny This Wide-Spread Report

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, April 15.—Leaking past the curtain of secrecy, with which the administration has shut off all details of the cabinet conference on the Sussex note, is the report that the communication, when it is forwarded to Berlin, which may be within the next twenty-four hours, will leave every possible loophole for Germany to avoid an open rupture with this country.

It is asserted in well informed circles here that the administration has practically decided to state the American case from the beginning.

## No Ultimatum As Yet

But nothing in the nature of an ultimatum will be contained in the message. On the contrary, it is said, every effort will be made to leave open ways in which the authorities in Wilhelmstrasse can to avert a diplomatic break. Among congressmen and other officials at the capital, however, there was a widely circulated and persistent report that President Wilson has decided to issue a formal notice of the complete severance of all diplomatic relations with Germany, and that this notice will be included in the text of the note he is preparing to send.

## Cabinet Officers Mute

Cabinet officers asked regarding this report refused to deny or to confirm it, saying that the President had bidden them on their honor not to reveal anything that was done or said at the cabinet conference yesterday morning. Almost immediately after the ending of the cabinet session, the reports of the action taken therein began to be spread broadcast. It early appeared, however, that a definite demand upon the Teutonic government for remedial action in the Sussex and other cases, would be made by Washington.

## Await Advantages

It was admitted that the note might be delayed for a time, as the President is anxious to await the arrival here of affidavits dealing with the attack upon the Sussex and other steamers, and which he regards as essential to his presentation of America's case.

## WEALTH OF RUSSIA GROWS DESPITE WAR

Abolition of Liquor From Empire Gives Country Tremendous Financial Impetus

## (Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PETROGRAD, April 15.—The Russian empire is stronger financially now than it was when the war broke out, despite the tremendous drain upon its resources, and the government accredits much of the gain to the introduction of compulsory prohibition put into force by a formal ukase of the Czar shortly after the war began. Such was the statement made to the council of the empire by the finance minister yesterday.

In discussing the budget, the minister told the council that the Russian empire has added more than two billion rubles to their saving account.

## PORTUGUESE CABINET MEMBERS WILL REMAIN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LISBON, April 15.—The premier after a conference with the President yesterday announced that the resignations of the cabinet have been withdrawn, satisfactory agreements having been reached, as to the terms of the proposed amnesty bill.

## GREAT BRITAIN PAYS PACKERS FOR PRODUCTS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, April 15.—Officials of the British government yesterday handed a check to Chandler Anderson, the representative of the Chicago meat packers, in settlement of the claim against Great Britain for the hauling up of ships consigned to Scandinavian ports, and loaded with packed products. The amount of the check was not disclosed.

## DAVIS' BODY CREMATED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) PHILADELPHIA, April 14.—The body of Richard Harding Davis was cremated here today.

# PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION WILL SET POWER RATES

## Hilo Traction and Hilo Electric Companies Agree To Compromise Plans

## (Special by Mutual Wireless.)

HILO, April 14.—The Hilo Electric and Traction companies agreed at a public meeting here today to accept the rates for light and power set by the public utilities commission. This was decided after a hearing of the proposed amendments to the traction company's franchise. Under the terms of the agreement the amendment permitting the traction company to sell surplus light and power, will be eliminated, and Chairman Forbes has promised to announce the rate within ten days.

At the meeting, among other things, gone over the use of Kibbi wharf was urged by Mr. Forbes. He said that the citizens and shippers of Hilo should demand that the wharf be used by the steamers and that its non-use was a shame. His speech was applauded.

## COMPANIES SPLIT ON POWER RATES

The rates which the traction company is to pay the Hilo Electric Company for light and power was the principal bone of contention here at the meeting, which were held before the public utilities commission. Frank E. Thompson, representing the electric company, made a proposition that the interests get together and fix the rate. This was decided upon, but the interview which took place in Thompson's office was not satisfactory, as no agreement was reached.

The traction company offered one cent and a quarter for the service, on a step scale, the latter figure being the minimum. The electric company which had held out for a cent and a half reduced the figure to a cent and three-eighths but its offer was refused by A. J. Ballentine, acting for the traction people.

It is stated that the fixing of a rate for power was the only thing which was keeping Hilo from having a street railroad, and if the public utilities commissioners are successful in fixing a rate that will be accepted it will mean that Hilo has a much better chance for the railway than it has ever had before.

## Mountain King Will Pay First Dividend

The Hawaii shareholders of Mountain King Mining Company have been made happy at last by the announcement that the corporation is to pay a dividend on the May 15 to all holders of stock of record on May 1. This news was conveyed to John Watt, one of the principal shareholders, in a cablegram received yesterday from Managing Director McMillan of San Francisco. The dividend will be three per cent, which will total \$18,000, the capital stock being \$600,000. Besides paying this dividend the mine recently paid back advances made to it by many of the shareholders and there is said to be a surplus on hand now in the treasury amounting to about \$50,000.

## BLASTED ROCK FALLS THROUGH HOUSE-ROOF

Carelessness in blasting in Nuuanu Valley, by contractors, has been the cause of several houses in the vicinity being damaged by flying rocks. Judge Charles E. Clemons' residence was injured yesterday by a large boulder which hurtled through the air, landing on the roof and badly damaging it.

## THE FRUIT SEASON

Bowel complaint is sure to be prevalent during the fruit season. Be sure to keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy on hand. It may save a life. For sale by all dealers, Benson Smith and Co., agents for Hawaii.